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summer fun @ your library!

Be creative at Kalamazoo Public Library this summer! Research shows that all students experience reading loss if they don't read over the summer. The library can help prevent that loss by making reading a fun summer activity for the whole family. Sign up for summer reading beginning Thursday, June 11.

Summer
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The kids' game, Be Creative @ Your Library, tween game, Express Yourself, and teen game, Wild Style, all encourage reading through prizes, gift books, or raffle drawings throughout the summer. Even preschoolers get a sticker each time they report books read to them by family members or friends.

Grown-ups can join the summer reading fun, too! They can read, listen to music, or watch a movie to fill in the blanks on their Masterpiece Readers reading log and earn chances to win one of several great prizes – like an iPod Shuffle, gift certificates to local bookstores, and more.

Stimulate your imagination at KPL's free programs for all ages throughout the summer – art hop, music and concerts, family theatre, author visits, crafts, cartooning, writing, and much, much more – it's all inside these pages.

readers rise to challenge

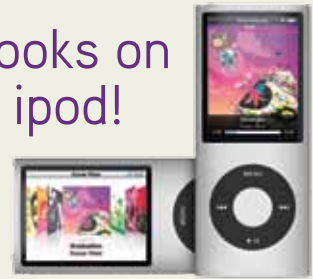
Almost 500 fourth and fifth grade students competed in the 16th annual Global Reading Challenge sponsored by Kalamazoo Public Library.

This popular program promotes the joy of reading and the understanding of different cultures through a rich variety of fictional characters. This year's selections included ten books by such award-winning authors as Anjali Banerjee, *Looking for Bapu*; Kate DiCamillo, *The Tale of Despereaux*; Louise Erdrich, *The Birchbark House*; and Jacqueline Woodson, *Last Summer with Maizon*.

Teams of up to seven students read the books then answered questions about characters, plots, and settings in a high-spirited quiz bowl. Teams first vied to be their school's champion. School champs then competed to represent their branch library. Branch winners met in a citywide challenge on April 30. The Kazoo School Literature Lions won this year's trophy.



books on ipod!



KPL was the first library in the country to loan MP3 players to patrons – now we're moving to audiobooks on the Apple iPod.

Ten iPod Nanos are now ready to check out to resident cardholders. The Nano can hold about 15 books. You'll get a recharger and a car audio kit when you borrow a Nano, so you can listen while you travel.

Browse current *New York Times* best-selling fiction and nonfiction or select from several customized playlists, including travel, history, mystery, business, romance, and more. Title suggestions welcome.

All of the digital audiobooks that KPL already owns are available on the Nano as well as all Reading Together and Bookclub in a Bag titles.

Nanos may be borrowed for two weeks, but may not be reserved or renewed. For now, the Nanos are available only at Central Library.

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books & more

craft couture

With artist and crafter Jessica Aguilera. Materials provided. Space limited. Registration required; call 553-7809.

Brace(let) Yourself

June 16, 6:30 pm, Central
Create a one-of-a-kind bangle bracelet using beautiful shades of wool.

Tile Style

July 21, 6:30 pm, Central
Learn how to create unique jewelry charms using Scrabble tiles.

Tree-Free Tree Tea Trivet

August 18, 6:30 pm, Central
Turn scraps of felt into an adorable tea trivet.



Art Hop

June 5, 6-8 pm, Central

The West Michigan Glass Society's exhibit "Glass Art: An Interplay of Science and Art" debuts June 5 and continues through June 30 at KPL. The featured musician will be award-winning Nashville-based Michigan native Joe Nolan, whose sound combines the soul spirit of the Motor City with a poet's ear for the rhythmic beauty of words. Come hear the artist the Acoustic Café called "one to watch."

Writing for the Fun of It

July 1, 1-4 pm, Oshtemo

Explore a variety of creative writing genres (poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction) and experiment with turning your ideas into a poem, fiction, essay, or memoir. Bring your creative ideas and questions about publishing. Author Jo Wiley will lead this creative writing sampler. Registration required; call 553-7983.

Book Group

Classics Revisited will read Herman Melville's *Moby Dick* over the summer in preparation for their first fall meeting in September.

The Art of Singing

July 14, 3 pm, Central



Baritone Thomas Meglitoranza will demonstrate, through singing and musical examples, how text and poetry affect musical interpretation. *The New Yorker*

magazine has hailed Meglitoranza as "one of America's finest young baritones." His remarkably versatile voice confidently handles a repertoire ranging from Monteverdi to Schubert to Gershwin. He appears at the library courtesy Fontana Chamber Arts. Meglitoranza performs in Kalamazoo on July 15 and 18; call 382-7774 or visit fontanachamberarts.org for tickets.

eat local kalamazoo

Programs cosponsored by Fair Food Matters.

Preserving Food 101

June 22, 6:30 pm, Central

Preserving your own fruits and vegetables is a satisfying, delicious – and easy – way to enjoy summer's bounty all year long. Learn tips and recipes from some local cooks who are well versed in the ways of preserving.

Is That a Hen in Your Yard?

August 3, 6:30 pm, Central

Some zoning ordinances allow hens to be kept in yards. Hens are lovely creatures that make fine urban or rural companions and provide tasty eggs in return for their room and board. Meet some local hens and learn how to care for them.



author visits

Books for sale and signing at all author visits.



David Hajdu

June 4, 5:30 pm, Central

Popular culture was invented in the pulpy, boldly illustrated pages of comic books. In *The Ten-Cent Plague: The Great Comic-Book Scare and How It Changed America*, David Hajdu vividly evokes their history. Columbia University journalism professor Hajdu also writes a column for *The New Republic* on music and popular culture. Cosponsored by the ACLU of Southwest Michigan.

Bryan Gruley

June 20, 2 pm, Central

Bryan Gruley, *Wall Street Journal* Chicago bureau chief and former *Kalamazoo Gazette* reporter, combines three of his passions in his terrific first novel: newspapers, hockey, and small towns. A mystery set in a fictional northern Michigan town, *Starvation Lake* is reaping accolades from reviewers and authors like C.J. Box, Harlan Coben, and Michael Connolly.

Michael Zadoorian

July 22, 6:30 pm, Central

In Michael Zadoorian's funny, poignant new novel, *The Leisure Seeker*, a married couple, one with Alzheimer's, the other with terminal cancer, take one last adventure down Route 66 in a '78 Leisure Seeker RV. *The Detroit Metro Times* calls the book (optioned by Sharp Independent Films) "an intimate, funky, road adventure where the action is tempered by a state of grace."

Bonnie Jo Campbell

August 5, 6:30 pm, Central

Set in rural Michigan, where wildlife, jobs, and ways of life are vanishing, the rowdy stories and complex characters in Bonnie Jo Campbell's *American Salvage* illustrate the desperation of post-industrial America. Campbell will read from the book, and answer questions about the writing and editing process, education for aspiring writers, and anything else of interest.

in concert

Shout Sister Shout

June 17, 7 pm, Central

Two of KPL's past performers, Rachael Davis and the boys from Steppin' In It, have joined forces as the quintet Shout Sister Shout after playing concerts as a double-bill. They focus on old-time American Jazz, featuring torch swing numbers alongside bluesy ballads.

Mark Duval

July 15, 7 pm, Central

Mark Duval writes songs in a wide range of styles, genres, and moods, from quiet, haunting, contemplative fingerstyle-guitar folk ballads to rhythm-driven latin dance grooves, from alt-country waltzes to smoky blues riffs. His band, Two-Track Mind, features Mark, Traci Seuss, Bill Caskey, and Cori Somers.

Dooley Noted

August 19, 7 pm, Central

Dooley Noted features the sultry, bluesy vocals and quick guitar playing of Megan Dooley, backed by Stacy Koviak, Chris Miroslaw, and Tommy Ufkis. They recently released their first full-length album, *Edible Audibles*, which can be found at local music sellers and on iTunes.

See photos and videos from previous concerts at kpl.gov/channel.

Megan Dooley



Mark Duval

Shout Sister Shout



local history

Programs to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Kalamazoo is the only Michigan city that Lincoln visited.

Discuss *Team of Rivals*

August 15, 2 pm, Central

Author Doris Kearns Goodwin offers "an elegant, incisive study of Lincoln and leading members of his cabinet that will appeal to experts as well as to those whose knowledge



of Lincoln is an amalgam of high school history and popular mythology." *The New York Times*

Meet Mary Todd Lincoln

August 17, 7 pm, Central

Mrs. Lincoln (as portrayed by reenactor Sally Redinger) will talk about her time in the White House and her sons, Robert, Eddie, Willie, and Tad. She will also share reproductions of period toys with children in the audience.

@ your library

Ask a Lawyer

June 3, August 5, 6 pm, Powell
July 8, August 12, 6 pm, Central
June 12, July 10, 11:30 am, Central

Free legal clinic for low to moderate income persons with County Bar Association volunteer lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, civil litigation issues, divorce and family law. Call 553-7920 to schedule a 20-minute appointment.

finding a job

Discuss and review necessary skills, determine your needs, then practice what you've learned with guidance from KPL's computer trainer and a business librarian. Learn what great resources are available at KPL and within the community.

Job Seeking Tips & Tricks

June 9, 6-8 pm, July 8, 2-4 pm,
August 12, 6-8 pm

Laid off? Just out of school? Looking for work after an extended absence? Learn where to find job listings, about job and career sites and resources, and how to apply for a job and submit a resumé in the digital age.

Resumés & Cover Letters

June 16, 6-8 pm, July 15, 2-4 pm,
August 19, 6-8 pm

Discuss the ins and outs of resumé and cover letter writing, then create and/or revise these documents. Bring your current resumé for review and suggestions. Microsoft Word experience helpful.

Interviewing Skills

June 23, 6-8 pm, July 22, 2-4 pm,
August 26, 6-8 pm

Learn how to present yourself, what to wear, how to answer questions, and what information you should and shouldn't discuss in a job interview. Increase your confidence by rehearsing.

All sessions in the Computer Lab. Registration required. To register, call 553-7862.

business & nonprofit

Programs designed to help develop and manage small businesses or nonprofit organizations.

Down & Dirty

June 10, 6:30-8 pm, Central

Do YOU have what it takes to start your own business? Learn what you need to know before you even write a business plan. Presented by Jim Coyle of Nexus Business Solutions.

Business Research Essentials

July 8, August 12, 7-8pm, Central

Find print and online information to help start and manage a successful small business. Learn how to effectively navigate library databases. Identify elements of a business plan, legal business structures, marketing, industry trends, licensing, and more. Learn about industry associations that can help. Offered by the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center. Registration required; call 387-6004 to register.

Small Business Counseling

June 25, July 23, 9 am-12 pm, Central

Meet with SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) counselors to discuss the ways that your potential or existing business can both thrive and grow in today's challenging economic climate. Registration required; call SCORE at 381-5382 or email info@scorekazoo.org.

ONEplace @ kpl

This new nonprofit management support center assists staff, board, and volunteers that work in/with area nonprofits through assessments, technical assistance, referrals, workshops, and peer learning opportunities. Learn how ONEplace can help you and sign up for the monthly enewsletter at kpl.gov/oneplace.

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Digital Photos 101

You've taken a zillion pictures on your digital camera, but have no idea what to do next! Learn how to get the images from your camera to your computer and use Microsoft Picture Manager for basic photo editing. Then, name, copy, and organize the photos on your computer so you can successfully share them with others on CD or flash drive as well as Internet sites like Flickr. Registration required; email training@kpl.gov or call 553-7862.

June 12, 10 am-12 pm
Oshtemo

July 1, 10 am-12 pm
Eastwood

July 17, 10 am-12 pm
Washington Square

August 14, 10 am-12 pm
Washington Square

tween/teen

Summer 2009

June, July, August

R = **Registration required**; sign up in advance at the location where the event will be held. Teen only events are for teens in grades 8-12. Tween only events are for tweens in grades 5-7. All other events are for youth entering 5th-12th grade in the fall.



Galley Review Group

June 4, July 2, August 6, 4-5 pm, Central

Be the first to read new teen books, even before they are published! Provide feedback to publishers, meet other teen readers and make your voice heard. Special advance reader copies will be available for checkout at each meeting. Bring a friend. Prize drawings! Teens only.

Drop Zone

June 10, 4-5 pm, Eastwood

Drop in downstairs @ your library for some after school festivities! Enjoy games, crafts, food and fun. We love to play the Wii! FOOD! Tweens only.

Movie Monday

All movies at 1 pm, Central

Bedtime Stories, June 15

Inkheart, July 20

Coraline, August 17

Take a break from the summer heat at KPL's own Movie Monday. Chill out with popcorn and the big screen.

Flip Flop Fun **R**

June 16, 2-4 pm, Washington Square

June 23, 2-4 pm, Oshtemo

June 30, 2-4 pm, Eastwood

Get ready for the summer with the latest in beach accessories. Embellish a pair of Flip Flops. Make a no-sew beach pillow and more! We provide the materials, you provide the creativity. Space is limited.

Ice Cream Kick Off

June 17, 1-2 pm, Eastwood

June 17, 6-7 pm, Powell

June 18, 1-2 pm, Washington Square

June 19, 10-11 am, Oshtemo

Kick off Summer Reading and celebrate National Ice Cream Month at the same time. Each location will feature multiple flavors and toppings. Grab your favorite cone or make a sundae, complete with a cherry on top!

J-Pop Club

June 22, August 24, 3-5 pm, Central

The ever-popular J-Pop Club is expanded for summer! More time equals more manga, anime and... Pocky! Enjoy the latest media (and food) straight from Japan. If you love Japanese pop culture, then you'll love this super casual club. Teens only.

Bubble Wrap Prints **R**

June 24, 2-4 pm, Central

Get creative with bubble wrap and paint! Make unique prints for journals, envelopes, notecards or bookmarks. Find a way to Express Yourself this summer! Space is limited.

wild style

Teen Summer Reading Game

June 11 - August 29

Go wild with your creativity this summer! Read anything with pages to fill in the boxes on our Teen gameboard. When you complete a box, you earn great prizes and get your name entered in our summer raffles!

Raffle winners will be selected three different times during the summer. Earn bonus chances by reading more pages, by attending art-and music-themed Teen events, or by reading and listening to special bonus genres in each box!

For teens entering grades 8-12 in the upcoming school year. Find out more at www.kpl.gov/teens!



All summer reading games sponsored by the Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library.



Express Yourself @ your library

Tween Summer Reading Game

June 11 - August 29

Express Yourself by reading this summer! Read anything with pages to fill in the boxes on the gameboard. Complete the boxes to win game prizes and raffle chances.

Raffle winners will be selected three different times during the summer. Earn bonus chances by reading tons of pages, by simply attending an event, or by writing reviews of books you've read.

New! Create your own book reviews for books you loved or books you didn't. Now you can record your book review with your own voice for our website!

For tweens entering grades 5-7 in the upcoming school year.

Find out more at
www.kpl.gov/tweens

All summer reading games sponsored by the Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library.

Game Central

June 26, 1-3 pm, Central

Beat the heat indoors with other game loving friends. Teen Services will break out our collection of board, card, Wii and PS 2 games. All skill levels welcome! FOOD!

Tie-Dye ①

July 13, 2-3 pm, Powell

July 15, 2-3 pm, Eastwood

July 16, 2-3 pm, Washington Square

July 17, 2-3 pm, Oshtemo

Start your back to school wardrobe @ your library. We will provide t-shirts and bandanas and all the supplies needed to make a colorful piece of clothing. Each participant may bring an additional piece to dye also. Space is limited.

Extreme J-Pop

July 24, 1-5 pm, Central

The regular J-Pop Club taken to the Extreme level! Celebrate all afternoon long with anime watching, sushi rolling, chopstick rollicking fun!

Button Maker Madness

July 29, 2-3 pm, Powell

July 30, 2-3 pm, Eastwood

August 4, 2-3 pm, Oshtemo

Pure madness ensues when we break out the button making machine! Search our old magazines and comics for that perfect button creation. Make them for your friends! Decorate your backpack with buttons! All materials provided.

Smashkart Tournament

July 31, 2-4 pm, Central

Get your game on in our latest Wii tournament! Race against your friends in Mario Kart, or pound away at your enemies in Super Smash Bros. Brawl! Teens only.

New Music Tuesday

August 11, 2-3 pm, Central

Love to find new music? Stop by and check out the latest recommendations from the iTunes Store. Listen to exclusive tracks and preview new music available online and in the KPL collection! Write song reviews and hear what other music fans are raving about! Teens only!

Wii Wednesday

August 12, 3-5 pm, Eastwood

August 19, 3-5 pm, Oshtemo

One, two, three Wiis! Rotate the Wii with games like Guitar Hero, DDR, Mario Kart and more! We are sure to have fun on Wii Wednesday! FOOD!

Sidewalk CHALKtacular

August 20, 4-5 pm, Washington Square

August 27, 4-5 pm, Oshtemo

The world is your canvas...or at least our parking lot is! Come down for a fun and creative afternoon of sidewalk chalk drawing. Show off your sidewalk chalking skills and win prizes. We provide the blacktop and chalk, you provide the creativity!

Guitar Hero Tournament

August 21, 2-4 pm, Central

Play your heart out with Guitar Hero. Several GH games available. Get ranked and play for that top spot in Easy/Medium or Hard/Expert. Prizes and Food. Teens only.

Join T.A.B.!

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) members help Teen Services staff members plan and promote great teen programs, work on community service projects, discuss books, movies, music, and websites, have snacks, play games, and just have fun! Membership looks great on resumés, job, and college applications. Teens only.

June 3, July 1, and August 5,
3:30-5 pm, Central

Central Library

Teen Services
315 S Rose St
553-7807

Eastwood

1112 Gayle Ave
553-7810

Oshtemo

7265 W Main St
553-7980

Alma Powell

1000 W Paterson St
553-7960

Washington Square

1244 Portage St
553-7970

friends



sidewalk sale

Books for 10¢ each or \$2 for a bag full – what a bargain! Choose from thousands of books at the annual Friends of the Kalamazoo Public Library sidewalk sale on Super Saturday, June 6, 9 am to 3:30 pm, at the Central Library.

Select from tables with books sorted by category: fiction, romance, non-fiction, etc. Kids can browse carts full of children's books.



Everyone who buys a book at the sidewalk sale gets a coupon for a free bargain book from the Friends Bookstore, open from 9 am to 4 pm on June 6. Check out the great values in the store, too. Most hardcover books are just \$1 - \$2, paperbacks are 50¢ to \$1. The store also features collectible books for slightly higher prices.

With the Doo-Dah Parade, the KIA Art Fair in Bronson Park, and the Friends Sidewalk Sale all on June 6, you have three great reasons to spend Saturday downtown. Join us!

memorabilia wanted

Do you have photos or documents from the Friends' early years – the 1950s, '60s or '70s? The Friends celebrate their 50th anniversary later this year – we're looking for memorabilia for a display and to illustrate our online history.

We're also looking for information about a pioneer Friends of the Library group. Members of the American Association of University Women organized the group on May 7, 1937, but we can't find any trace of the group beyond 1940.

Please contact Linda, 553-7821 or friends@kpl.gov, if you can help us with these Friends' history projects. We will scan and return any originals promptly.

We're very proud of our fifty years of service to Kalamazoo Public Library. Watch for details of the Friends commemorative events in the fall issue of *Link*.



membership application

<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$5
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporter	\$25
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Name _____

List all included on membership.

Address _____

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State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ Check if OK to send Friends notices via email.

Dues are tax deductible. Please send form and check, payable to Friends of the Library, to:

Friends of the Library
Kalamazoo Public Library
315 S. Rose St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

annual meeting

Oshtemo Branch Library hosted the Friends' annual meeting on May 2; about 40 attended, including four former Friends' presidents. Officers elected were Dave Sheldon, president; Mike Galbreath, vice president; Bill Whitlock, treasurer; and Mary Lowe, secretary. Bookstore volunteer and KPL librarian substitute Mary Platte was elected to the board. Katie Alkema stepped down.

store hours

Wednesday	12 noon-7 pm
Thursday	10 am-4 pm
Friday	10 am-4 pm
Saturday	10 am-4 pm

Located on the lower level of the Central Library. Questions? Call 553-7820.

director's note

thank you!



The trustees and staff of Kalamazoo Public Library wholeheartedly thank everyone who supported the 20-year renewal of the library's operating millage on May 5. Voters said YES in

all but two of the library district's 43 precincts, by a margin of three to one. Your YES vote proclaims that you love your library and want its many and varied services to continue.

This millage raises 65% of KPL's operating revenue – about 8.6 million dollars. That costs an average homeowner about 50 cents a day – a great value for all you get. Try the library value calculator at kpl.gov/about/value. I think you'll be amazed at how much you would pay out of pocket for what the library offers.



ONEplace @ kpl open house

these days, KPL is facing budget challenges and belt tightening. State aid to libraries has

However, as you may have heard during the millage campaign, passing the millage at the same rate doesn't guarantee the same revenue to the library. Like most organizations



Author and illustrator Kadir Nelson

been reduced and property tax revenues in the Kalamazoo Public Library district are almost flat.

To cope with these budget constraints, we have not filled staff vacancies, some hourly positions have been eliminated, equipment purchases have been delayed, funds for books, movies, music, magazines, databases, and more have been reduced, some programs and outreach services have been trimmed. Our goal is to affect our service to you as little as possible with careful budgeting and some spending cuts.

You may see slightly longer lines at check out, a few less copies of the most popular items, or one librarian at the reference desk instead of two. Please know we will strive to continue to provide the services our patrons have come to expect and need but at the same time to reduce costs.

Thank you for your continued confidence in KPL!



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Friends of the Library Bookstore

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553-7820

Bookmobile

Call 553-7991 for
complete schedule.

Eastwood

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